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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: Isolated areas of heavy rain & flash flooding over NM

River Flood Hazards: Major river flooding along the Red River in NE TX/SE OK. Major river flooding continues at Liberty on the Trinity River in SE TX.

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Key Points



River Flood Situation

- The Red River in NE TX/SE OK is at major flood stage and will continue rising slightly over the next day or so and remain at major flood stage for the next few days. Points further downstream in SW AR/NE LA will be rising slowly over the next week to week and a half.
 - Levels are forecast to be lower (1.5 – 5.0 ft) than those experienced in early June
- The Trinity will remain in Minor/Moderate (Major at Liberty) Flood Stage this week

Wednesday through Thursday

- Scattered showers and storms possible each day across the Region, but significant weather and/or impacts are not expected
 - Some isolated areas of heavy rainfall and flash flooding are possible over NM

Friday - Sunday

- Front moves through northern ½ of the Region Friday and Saturday; and then into south-central/SE TX & southern LA on Sunday bringing increased chances for showers and thunderstorms and slightly cooler temperatures
 - Strong to Severe thunderstorms (primarily damaging winds) and isolated areas of heavy rainfall possible Friday afternoon/evening from NE NM eastward across the panhandles and OK/AR
 - Severe weather threat diminishes on Saturday – Sunday as the front moves southward but some isolated areas of heavy rainfall and flash flooding are possible

Tropical Outlook

- Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 5 days

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jun 24, 2015 - Jun 28, 2015

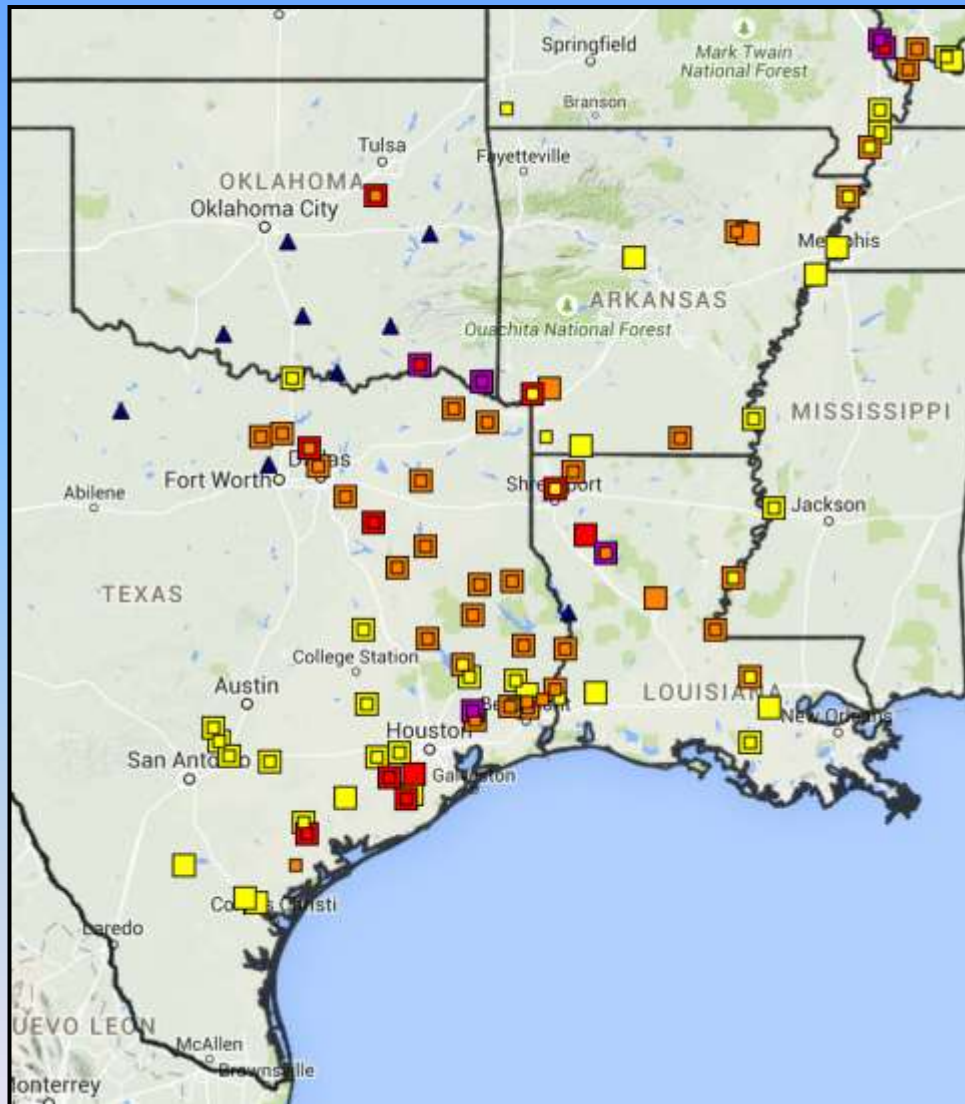
DAY/ THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms			Central/East OK, North/Central AR		
			NE NM, TX/OK panhandles, OK, AR		
Heavy Rain /Flash Flooding	NM	NM	NM, OK, AR, N TX	NM, OK, AR, N TX	SE TX, S LA
Tropical					
River Flooding	NE TX/SE OK, SE TX				

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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Current River Status / Near Term Forecast



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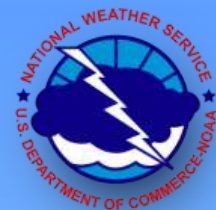
• For a graphical view of the river forecasts for the Red River from Dekalb, TX through Grand Encore, LA go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/shv/?n=flood>

•The Trinity River will remain in Minor/Moderate (Major at Liberty) Flood Stage this week

River Status		
	Observed	Forecast
No Flooding	Green square	Green square
Near Flood Stage	Yellow square	Yellow square
Minor Flooding	Orange square	Orange square
Moderate Flooding	Red square	Red square
Major Flooding	Purple square	Purple square

For latest river stages/forecasts, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1>

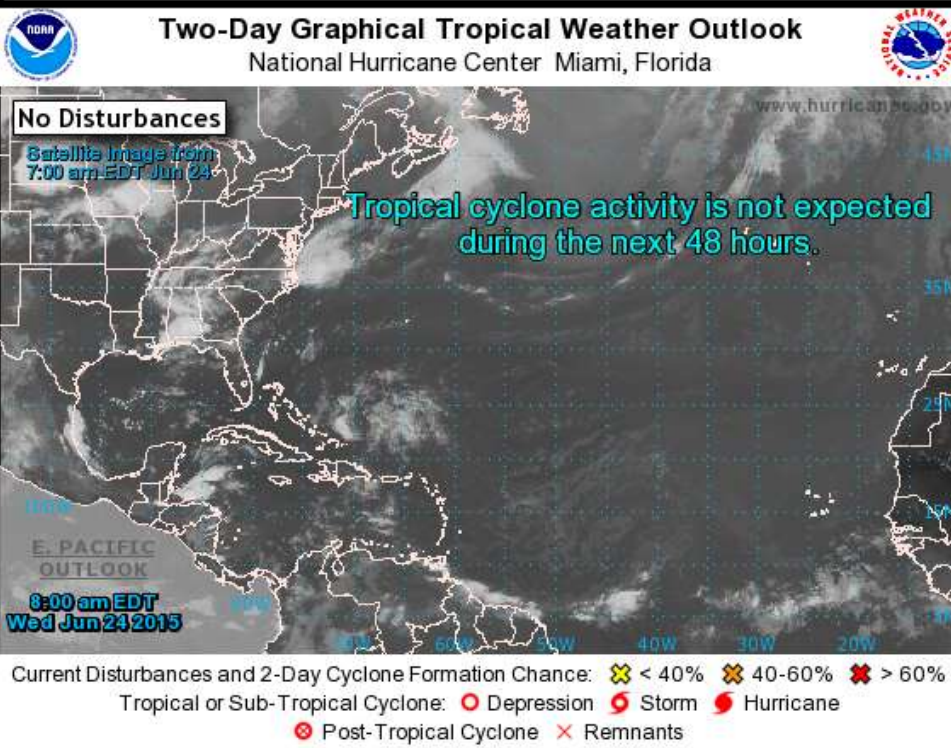
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Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common – Happens Often Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

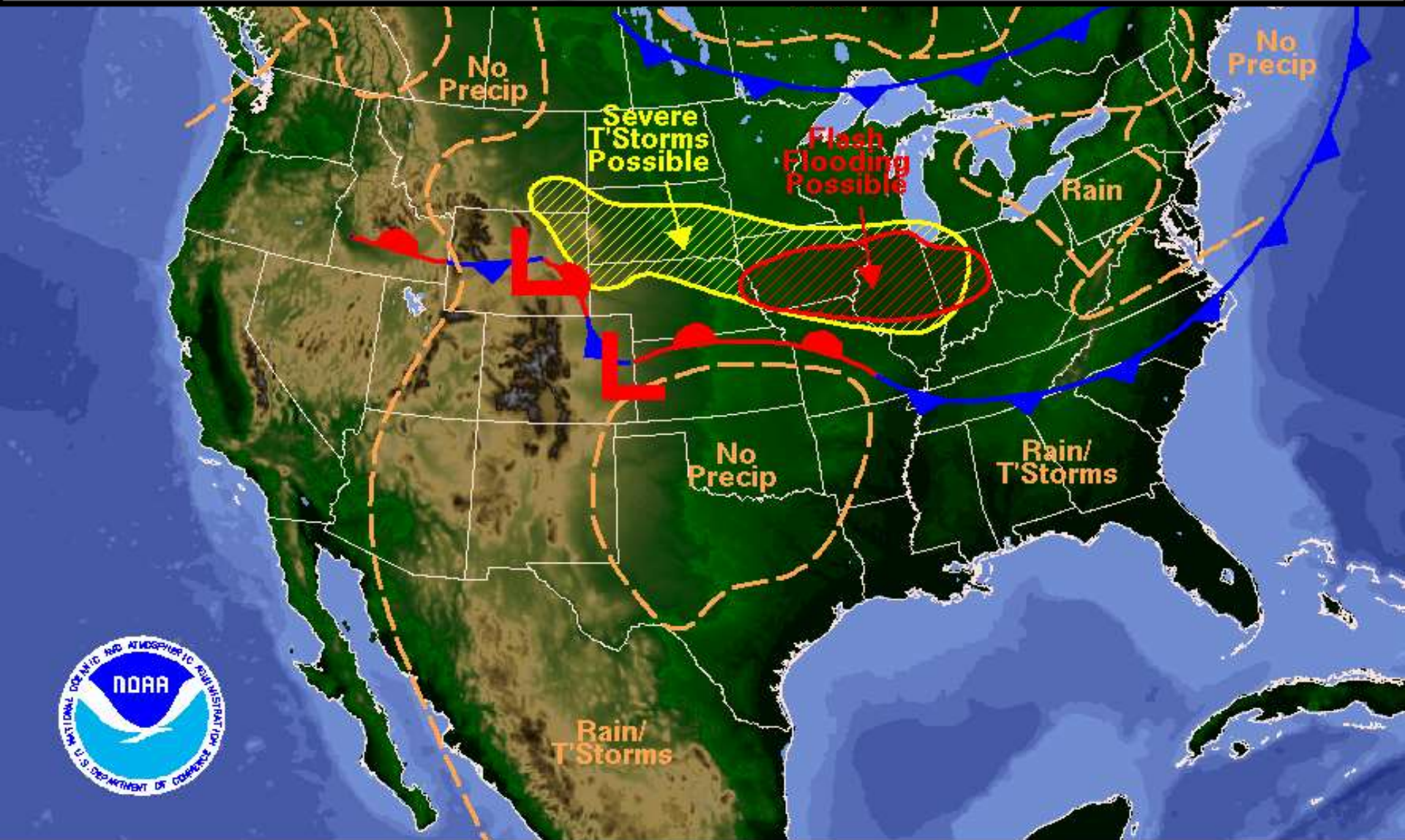
Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



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Today's Weather



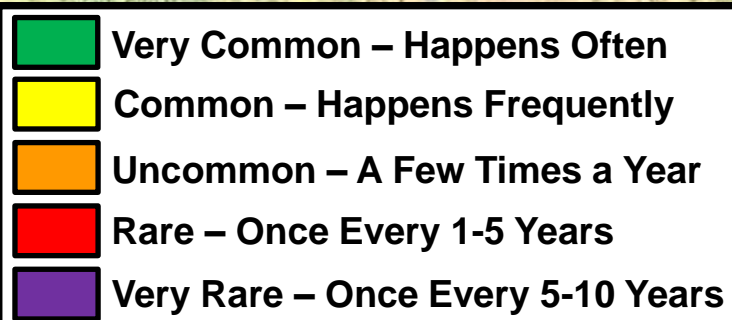
Weather Forecast for Wed, Jun 24, 2015, issued 4:13 AM EDT
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Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Thu



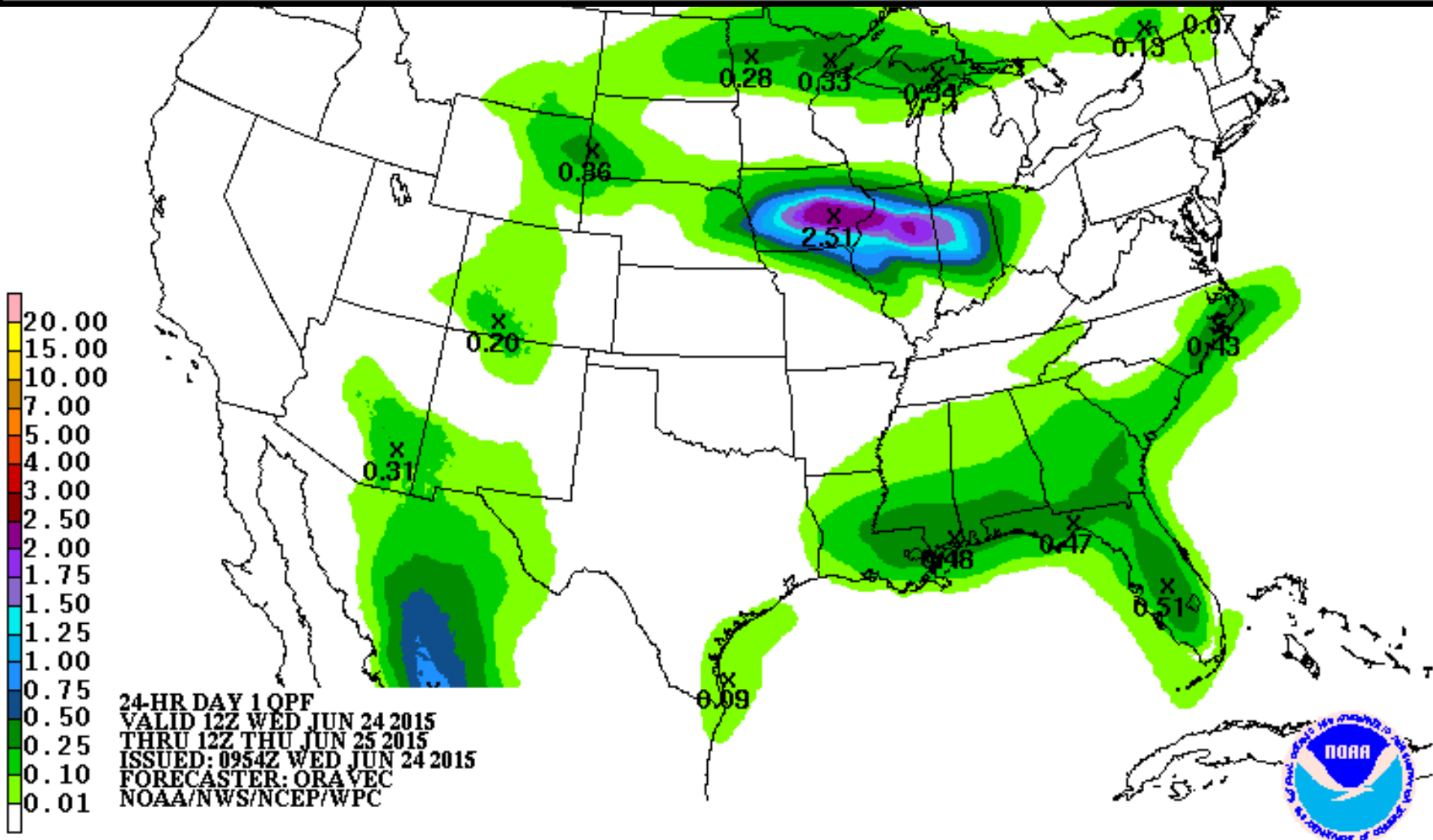
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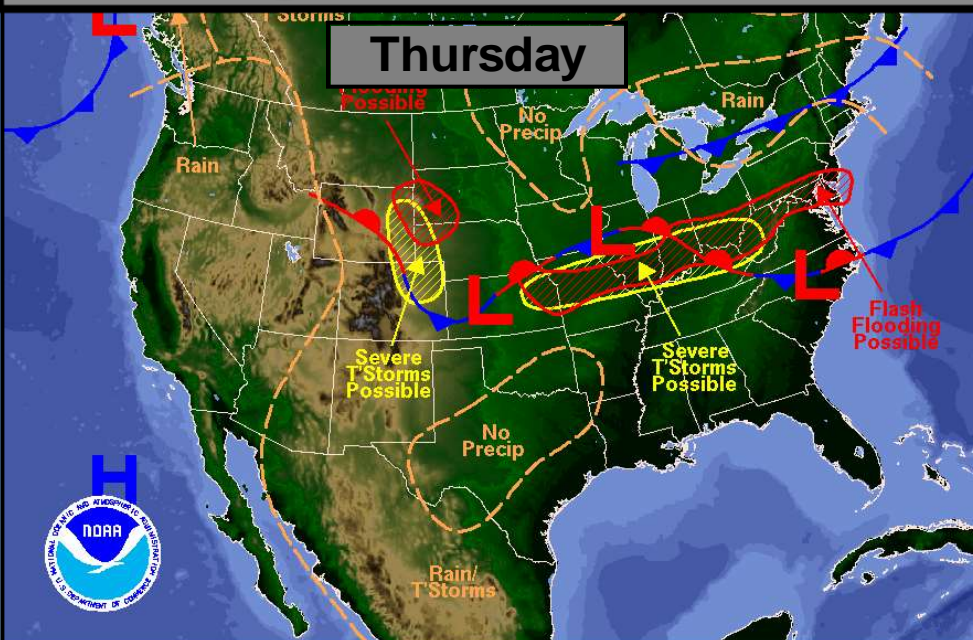
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Today's Precipitation

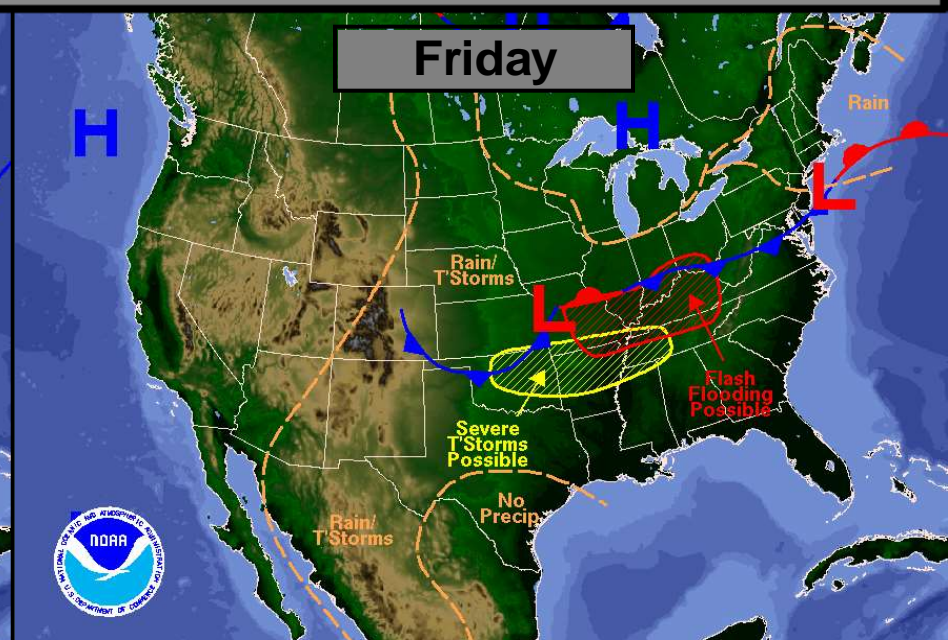
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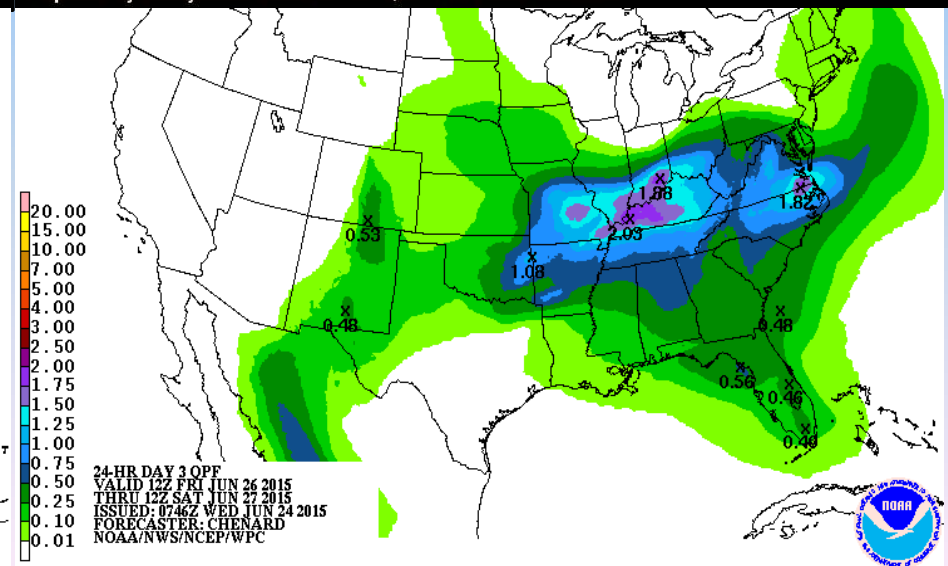
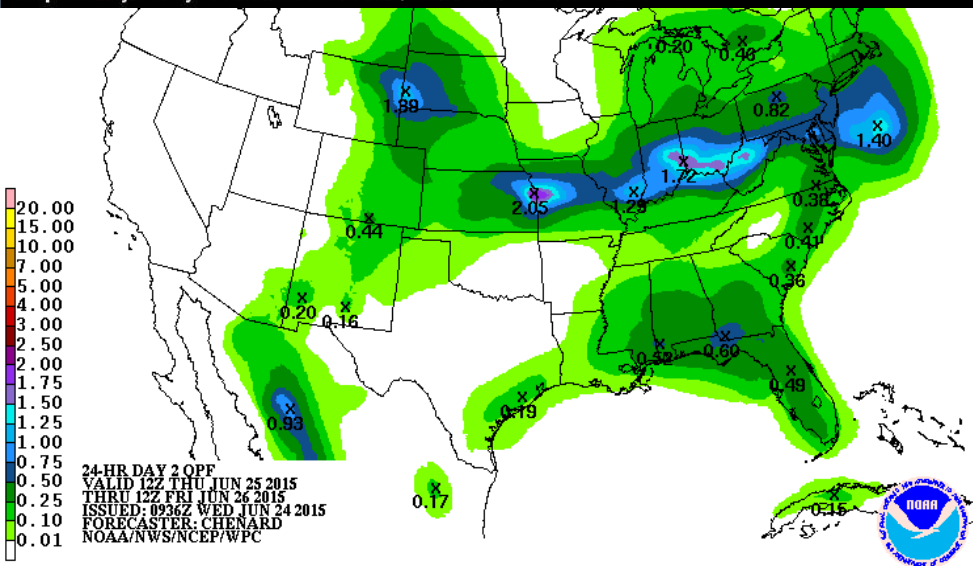
Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jun 25, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT Wed, Jun 24, 2015
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jun 26, 2015, issued 4:42 AM EDT Wed, Jun 24, 2015
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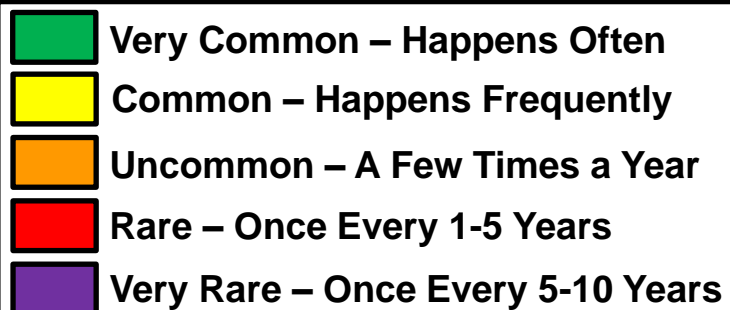
Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

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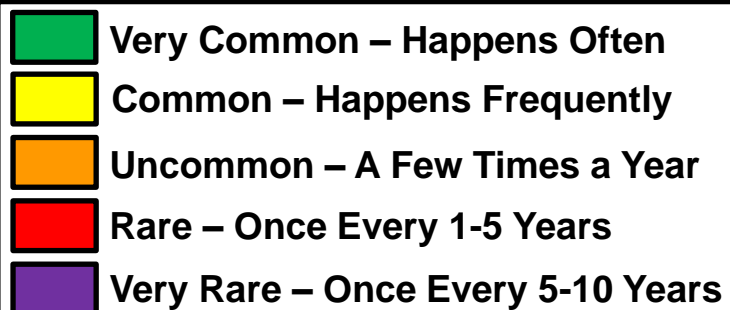
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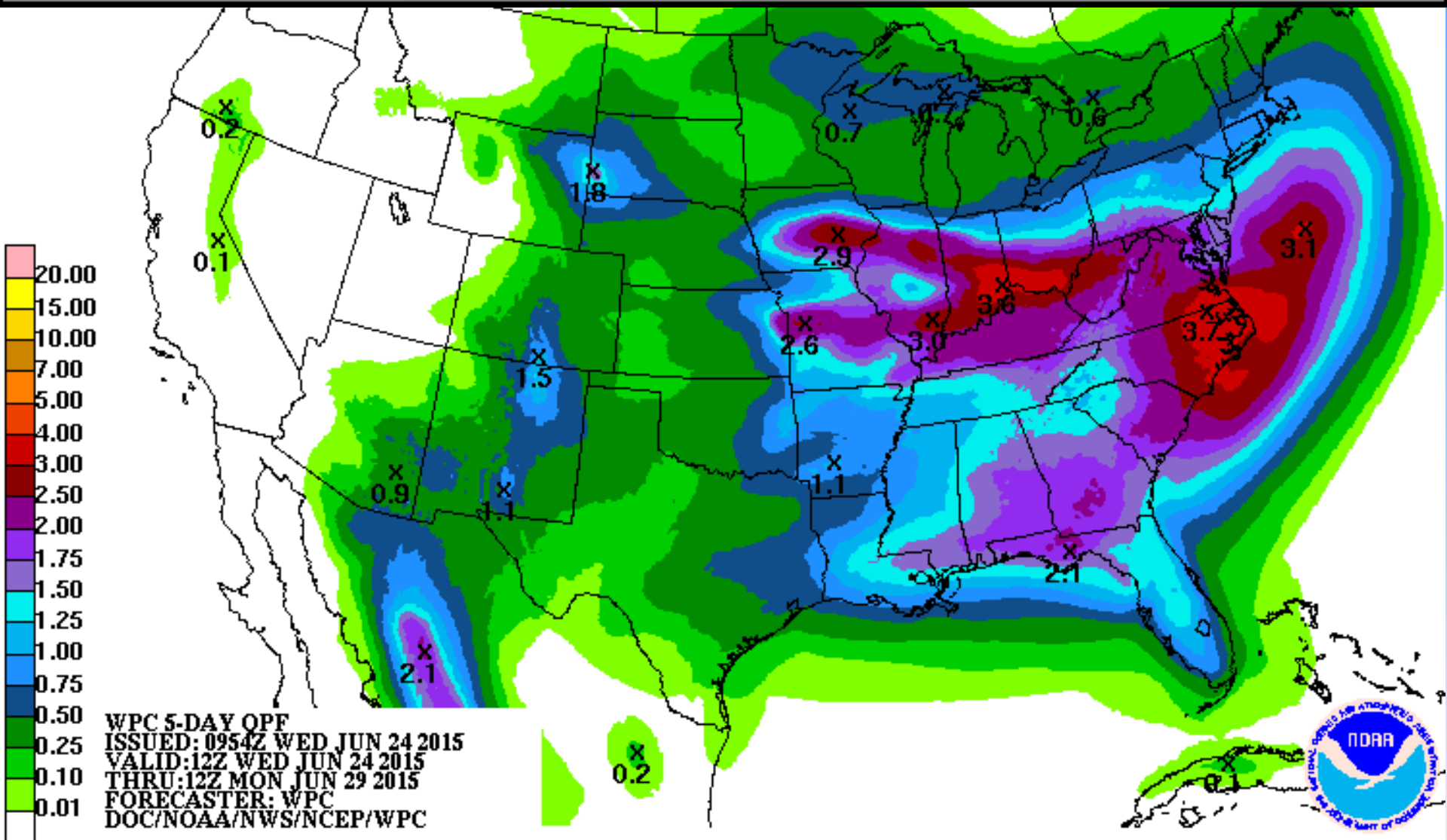
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5-Day Precipitation

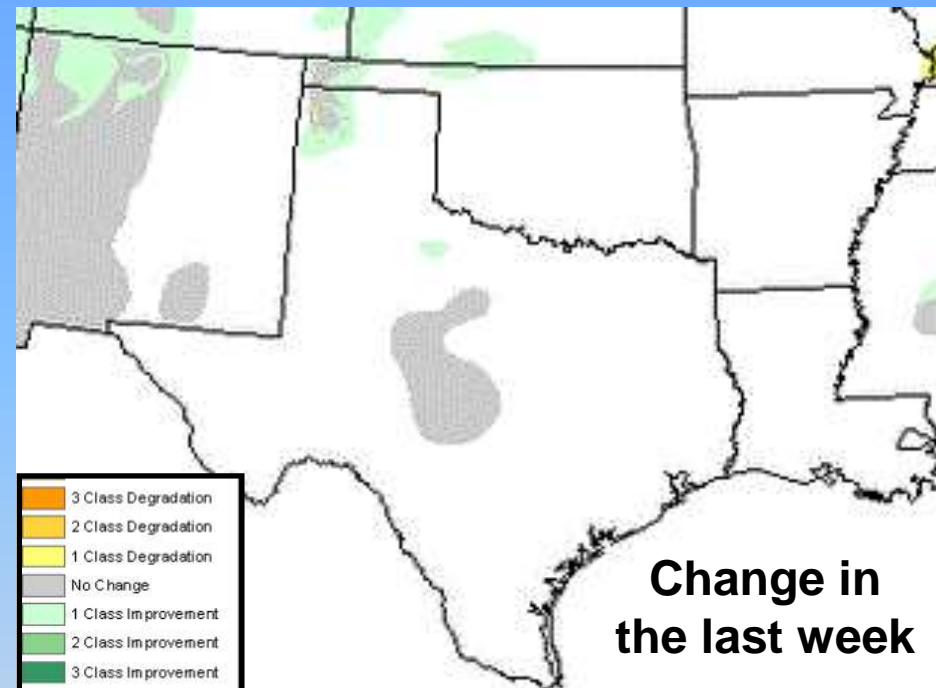
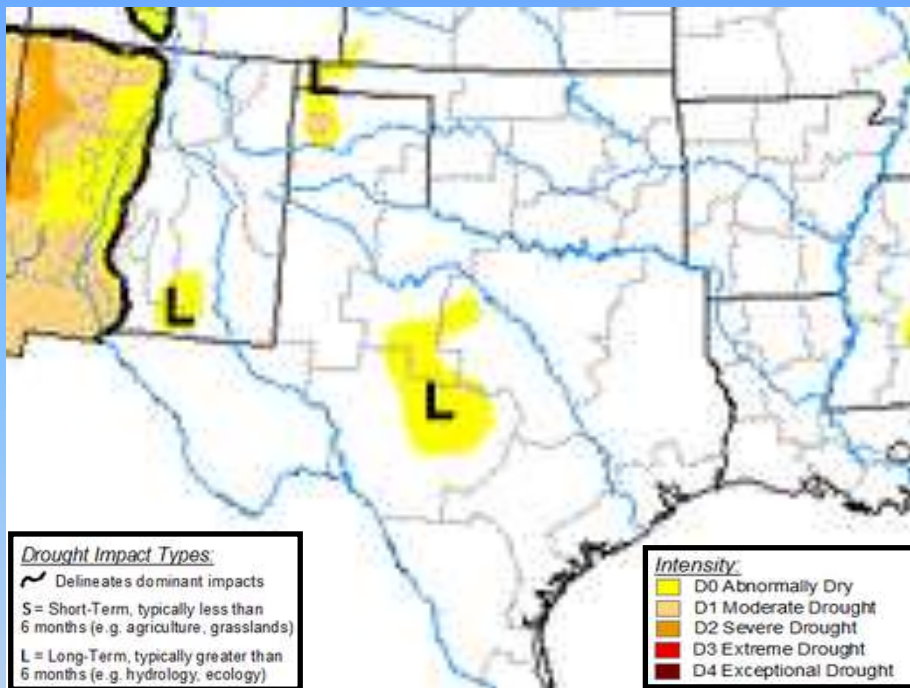
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Drought Monitor Released June 18th, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 7AM EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	31.72%	48.47%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	14.48%	21.50%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	29.24%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	(G1-G3) storm (Max Kp = 7)	(G1-G2) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active to Unsettled (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	99%	99%	90%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	75%	75%	75%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	20%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

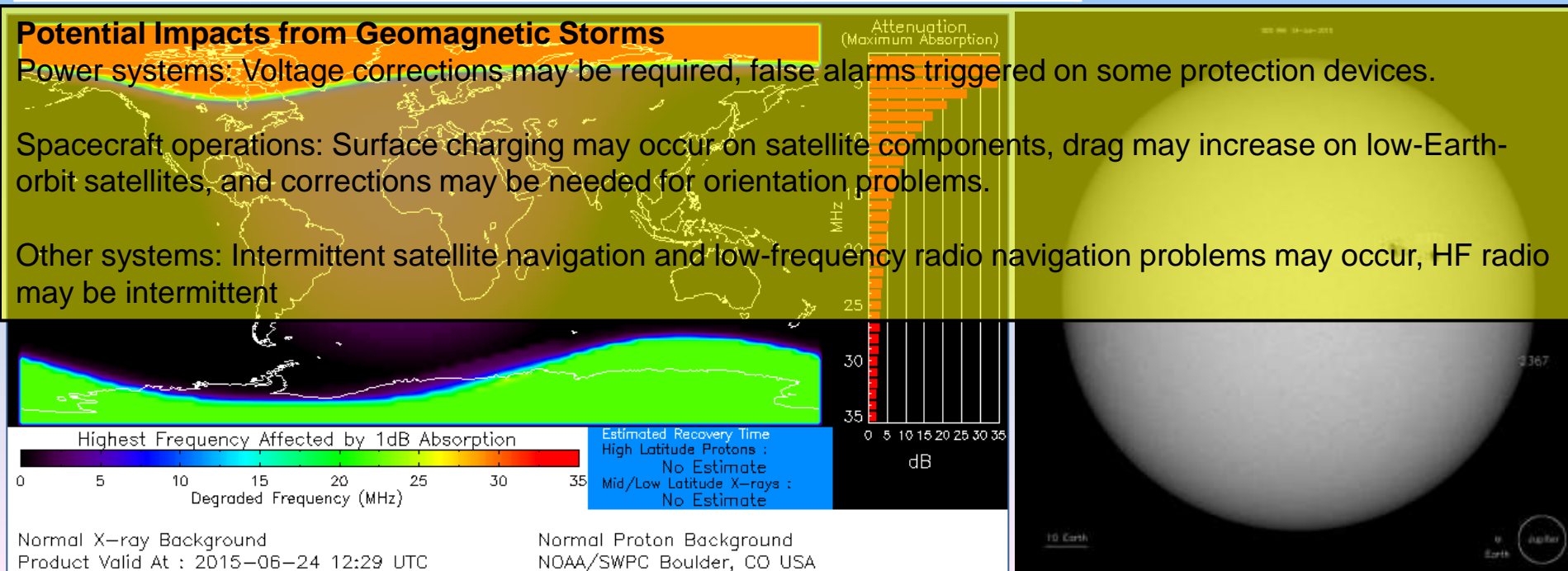
[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

Potential Impacts from Geomagnetic Storms

Power systems: Voltage corrections may be required, false alarms triggered on some protection devices.

Spacecraft operations: Surface charging may occur on satellite components, drag may increase on low-Earth-orbit satellites, and corrections may be needed for orientation problems.

Other systems: Intermittent satellite navigation and low-frequency radio navigation problems may occur, HF radio may be intermittent



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